

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2002
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Bill Goins, Darrin McGowan, Brian Sheehan, John Byrne and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Bridges asked for a moment of silence in respect for the passing of Julie Newhouse's mother, Helene Hughes. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the September 3, 2002 meeting were presented for approval. Pavey made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- He is attending the IACT conference this week in Indianapolis. Tax restructuring and how it will affect municipal government has been a big topic. Distribution of the gaming money for non-river boat communities has also been discussed. They are estimating the distribution to be about July 1, 2003;
- Thanked everyone for attending the 911 celebrations last week and for supporting our emergency service providers. Also thanked the police, fire and EMS for taking time out of their day to participate.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

Copley passed out Transfer Resolution 2002-19 for Council's approval. Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2002-19. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Copley informed Council that the State Board of Accounts is now at City Hall auditing the years 2000 and 2001.

The Department of Local Government Finance will hold a public hearing on the Budget October 16, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., at the Courthouse.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Fire – Informed Council that the generator at the fire department is in need of repair. He is trying to get estimates.

The Board of Works hired Aaron Vannatta for the firefighter position. Which is pending approval of Perf.

Street - Bennett passed out promotional items purchased with the recycling grant.

He is working on a draft for a substance abuse policy for CDL drivers that the City must have in place along with the City policy. He will be bringing it to Council for their approval.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS * * *

John Byrne received a complaint concerning the area off of Washington Street and North of 11th Street by Wilson Estates. The Railroad does not keep the property cleaned up. A letter concerning weeds has been sent. Bennett will send another letter asking that the weeds and trash be cleaned up.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Final Reading on 2003 Budget – Pavey made a motion to approve the budget on final reading, with the understanding that the budget was advertised at the maximum levy, but the rate would not be above 1.83. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Elected Officials Salary Ordinance – Sheehan made a motion to pass Ordinance 2002-7 on third and final reading. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried. This will give elected officials a 3% pay raise.

Fiber Optics Contract – Council questioned as to how the board is appointed. Sheehan made a motion to table the matter for further investigation. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Transfer Resolution 2002-18 – Sheehan made a motion to approve Transfer Resolution 2002-18 transferring money from electric liquidation interest and CCI funds to the general fund. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Long Distance Service – Bridges said he received information for Rush Shelby Energy that they could provide long distance service to the City for a cost of 6.5 cents per minute. We are currently paying 7.3 cents through First Communication. Byrne made a motion to change the service to Rush Shelby Energy since it is local and cheaper than what we are currently paying. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lions Trace Apartment Update – Morris Neeb attended the meeting to update Council on the progress of Lions Trace Apartments. He stated that he is presently at a standstill. Both he and Dave Bennett have been told that they will receive tax credits from Indiana Housing Finance Authority, but only one will actually be awarded the credits. This is what has caused the standstill with the project. He has tried to work something out with Bennett, but to no avail.

Sheehan said that IFA has caused the problem, but asked if the City could do anything to move the matter along.

Goins asked if the City Attorney could check on the paperwork and possibly check on having the problem mediated.

Neeb's apartment complex would consist of 48 units. Bennett's would consist of 80 units.

Newhouse will investigate the project.

Neeb stated that the project must be in service by the end of 2003 or the tax credits will be lost.

Claims – McGowan made a motion to approve the claims as presented, which included 2 additional claims. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, Pavey made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER